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1. Although the Paretz-Nieder-Neuendorf cut-off canal is navigable and is being used by barge traffic, passenger ships have not been able to use the route.
2. The bridge in Nieder-Neuendorf which broke up on 23 June 1952 is being rebuilt by about 150 workers. The temporary bridge lies very low over the surface of the water and must be raised for any tug which enters the canal from the Havel. The bridge, however, cannot be raised to a great enough height to permit the passage of passenger vessels.
3. When water was first let in, the north bank of the canal between Nieder-Neuendorf and Schoenwalde caved in along a kilometer-long stretch. The damage was repaired within about four weeks. It has been observed that work is now completed in this sector and that the canal is navigable for traffic. On the stretch further towards Paretz, only small groups of workers are occupied in disposing of the surplus earth.
4. Northeast of Paretz a section of the waterway is still not navigable since the bridge on the road between Paretz and Uts has not been completed. About 350 workers are employed on the project. Ships coming from Nieder-Neuendorf are routed through the old canal and locks so that there is no interruption in the work.

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